



CITY OF BRUNSWICK

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*A Closed Session meeting was held on February 3, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall to discuss potential litigation and land acquisition. Those in attendance were Council Members Smith, Johnson, Tome, Allgaier, Stull and Biser; Mayor Jones; and Dave Dunn. Pursuant to 10-508(a) a vote of 6-0 approved the closing of the meeting.

Mayor & Council Public Hearing Tuesday, February 3, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Present - Stull, Smith, Tome, Allgaier, Johnson, Biser and Jones

Public comments:

Chicken Ordinance Change-

Sara Molton - Knoxville - in favor
Have chickens on property and is positive experience with no neighbor complaints.

Ellis Burruss-310 Souder Road - Does not endorse chickens but thinks an ordinance should be crafted.

Marianne Wilburn-3rd Ave - Supports Chickens. Speaks of differences of dogs and chickens.

Marianne Wilburn - Supports chickens. - reads Reuben Moss' letter (submitted and attached.)

Mary Elizabeth Bowie - against - reads letter from Dr.Heinsol and then her own letter (both submitted and attached.)

Peggy French 53 Concord Dr - against

Katherine Iacovelli-810 East D Street-Supports chickens

Steve Collings - 17 East A Street-Supports a well written ordinance.

Hearing adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Mayor & Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 3, 2009 7:40 p.m.

Call to order

Pledge

Roll Call: Jones, Stull, Tome, Smith, Allgaier, Johnson and Biser.

Mayor's Remarks: Complaint filed regarding Rosemont water situation. Meeting regarding Rosemont facilitated by Delegate Weldon. Condolences to the family of Tom Lescalleet. States there were three Mayor and Council meetings in February, as January 27th meeting was postponed due to inclement weather.

Citizen's Forum:

Jan Stockman-Concord Drive-People don't take care of their pets now. Doesn't support chicken ordinance change. Property value loss.

Alasyn Walser- Bond being held by Pulte. Fire Hydrant issue. Police Chief to look into?

Marianne Wilburn- Clarified that we are discussing chickens.

Peggy French - Discusses small areas with chicken.

David Tuwiner-324 Brunswick Street-Who enforces animal ordinance.

Consent Agenda:

None

Old Business:

Chicken Ordinance Change

Mayor Jones reviewed information.

Mr. Castle presented brief history of animal ordinance.

Council member Tome made many comments regarding this issue. She supports.

Council member Smith-Doesn't agree that Brunswick should have chickens.

Council member Stull-Received calls more against. Against changing the ordinance.

Council member Allgaier-Supports change in ordinance.

Council member Biser- Has kept open mind throughout the process. Praised the public input.

Does not support.

Council member Johnson-Learned a lot. Does not support.

Council member Tome offered a compromise, which did not receive Council support.

Mayor Jones commented on general health and welfare. Consensus.

Motion:Smith motions to reject change to ordinance.

Second:Stull

Vote:4-2; Smith, Stull, Biser and Johnson -Yes; Tome and Allgaier-No

New Business:

Councilman Allgaier made some announcements regarding Main Street and introduced the new Main Street Manager.

Patrick Kaye, new Main Street Manager, addressed the Council.

Councilman Allgaier announced his resignation to the City Council, effective May 1, 2009.

FY2008 Audit Presentation

Michele Mills, City Auditor presented the fy08 audit.

The Council recessed for ten minutes.

Resolution 09-01-Commercial Parking

City Administrator Dunn presented Resolution 09-01 (attached.)

Smith: Clarifies that this will be complaint driven.

Discussion ensued regarding other businesses requesting signs.

Motion:To approve Stull

Second:Smith

Vote:6-0

Budget Modification

City Administrator Dunn presented the proposed budget modification (attached.)

Motion: To approve Smith

Second:Allgaier

Vote:6-0

City Personnel Manual Update

City Administrator Dunn reviewed the update to the City's personnel manual.

Councilman Allgaier asked about using a device such as a Blackberry. These are permissible.

Council member Tome has an issue with employees losing leave when terminated.

Motion: to leave the lost leave when terminated. Biser

Second:Smith
Vote:5-1 Tome Against

Motion: To change \$500 per semester for training, not to exceed the total budget line.
Second: Tome
Vote:6-0

Councilman Stull questioned whether he would be reimbursed if he took a cab instead of his car.
This would be handled as an administrative expenditure, rather than incorporated in the personnel manual.

Motion: Stull to approve as amended.
Second:Allgaier
Vote:5-1 Tome against.

City Website Upgrade
City Administrator Dunn introduced the new City website and the online payment feature.

Council member Tome thanked Mr. Castle for preparing documents for the Library.

Motion to adjourn : Councilman Stull

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Approved By: David Dunn 3/16/04
Mayor Date

Witnessed By: David Dunn
City Administrator Date